

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending in this application. Claims 10, 16, 17 and 31 have been cancelled, and claims 1, 11, 19, 24 and 28 have been amended hereby. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the now-cancelled claims. No new matter has been presented.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter recited in dependent claims 10, 17 and 31. As set forth above, the independent claims have been amended to recite that allowable subject matter. As such, favorable reconsideration of the application and allowance of all of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph, but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, and claims 1-9, 11-16, and 18-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Admitted Prior Art.

The pending grounds of rejection are respectfully traversed.

As set forth above, and in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this application, independent claims 1, 11, 19, 24 and 28 of this application have been amended to recite the limitations recited in dependent claims deemed allowable by the Examiner. As such, the §102(b) rejection of the independent claims, and all claims dependent thereon, should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to find the application to be in condition for allowance. However, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 22, 2009
APPLICATION NO. 10/698,700
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0370.0709C (CPOL 340046)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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